Loans granted by Small Scale Industries

3705. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons who have been granted loan alongwith the amount of loan to each of them by the small scale industries under 1991-92;

(b) what is the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes granted loan during the period alongwith the number of loan applications received and sanctioned as well as the amount of loan granted to them;

(c) what is the number of persons belonging to minority classes who have been granted loan during the period alongwith the number of loan applications received and sanctioned as well as the amount of loan granted to them; and

(d) what is the number of applications received from the persons belonging to other communities alongwith the number of applications sanctioned as well as the amount of loan granted to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (d) No loans are granted by small scale industries.

Monopolistic tendencies adopted by Hindustan Lever Limited

3706. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representation and complaints from soap/shampoo producers have recently been received against the Hindustan Lever Limited and its various subsidiaries regarding the monoplistic tendencies adopted by them;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that M/s Hindustan Lever Limited has indulged in over production of these items and also cutting down the prices in order to wipe out the other competitors from the market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken/proposed to be taken against the said company to protect the small manufacturers in the field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) Complaints against M/s Hindustan Lever Limited have been received by the M.R.T.P. Commission from Southern Small Scale Cosmetics & Toilletries Manufacturers' Association, Madras stating that the company has reduced the price of its shampoos sold in sachets and also from Detergent Manufacturers Association of U.P., Kanpur stating that the company has reduced the price of its Wheel Detergant Cake and increased the price of Rin Detergent and Life Buoy Soap. The complaints are under investigation by the M.R.T.P. Commission.

UNDP sponsored project for leather sector

3707. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Institute of Fashion Technology and other organisations in the country are participating in the UNDP sponsored project for the leather sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the outlay of UNDP sponsored project for the Indian leather sector in US dollar terms and how it is going to be executed; and

(d) what benefits the Indian leather sector is likely to gain from this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) A Leather Sector Programme with UNDF assistance has been drawn up by the Government for integrated development of leather industry in the country. The duration of the programme is for a period of 4 (four) years. The implementation of the programme has commenced with effect from 1-4-1992. The UNDP assistance in the programme is of the order of US dollar 15.05 Million. The main objectives identified/areas chosen for assistance and the broad allocation of UNDP resources is as follows:—

		(in Million US $)
(i)	Human resource development and improvement of footwear sector =	7.80
(ii)	Strengthening R & D capacity =	2.47
(iii)	Improving support services =	0.40
(iv)	Implementing strategy for pollution control =	1.60
(v)	Enhancing exports .. .. =	1.95
(vi)	System of effective coordination and programme management =	0.85
	Total .. =	15.05

2. The various participating institutions through the medium of which programme objectives are decided to be achieved are: (1) Footwear Design & Development Institute, Noida, New Delhi; (2) Central Footwear Training Centres—Agra and Madras; (3) National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi; (4) Indian Institute of Leather Products, Madras; (5) Central Leather Research Institute, Madras; (6) Khadi & Village Industries Commission, Bombay; (7) Prototype Development Training Centre, Madras; (8) Department of Cottage & Small Scale Industries, Government of West Bengal Calcutta; and (9) Council for Leather Exports, Madras.

3. The private sector units will be directly assisted by these institutions in the areas of product development, development of supporting industries (components, machinery), marketing, image building and joint ventures. A market research unit is being established at Council for Leather Exports, Madras, to service the industry regularly with market reports and trends in India/ Abroad. Besides better trained personnel will be available to industry by virtue of human resource development which is the key area selected under the programme. In effluent control and R&D facilities also the ultimate beneficiaries will be the private sector manufacturers.

4. In addition to the achievement of objectives stated above, the execution of the programme would also help the leather industry to achieve higher productivity, improved quality and efficiency. The implementation of the programme may also result in the augmentation of employment potential of the industry.

Take over of BHEL

3708. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to denationalise BHEL as reported in the Economic Times dated the 25th November, 1992;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received including the proposal of GBC-Alsthom NV for take over of BHEL;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the present stage of negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF